

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



Rev. James M. Moran
Pastor

Mrs. Noranne Wamester
Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Audrey Saharek
Pastoral Assistant

Mrs. Teri Aiudi
Rectory Office Assistant
Faith Formation Secretary

Mrs. Theodora Niver
Director of Music

Vanessa Crowley
Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy
Andrew Russo
Heather Picard Bonney
Cantors

Toni Munoz
Sacristan

Maggie Seaver
Youth Minister

Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:30p.m.
Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 a.m.
Recitation of the Rosary before
9:00 a.m. daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment
Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Baptistry of the Chapel.

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners and Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation welcomes new parishioners. All forms are available at the main entrance of the church. Please mail or place in the collection basket.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

Fax
(860) 721-6595

Church E-Mail
cincarnation@sbcglobal.net

Faith Formation
(860) 529-6765

Website address:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 23RD**

5:00pm— George & Sally
D'Esopo



SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

8:30am— Shirley Carrier
10:30am—Dorothy & Nancy St. Pierre

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

9:00am— James & John Shea

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

9:00am— Deceased members of the Aglieco,
Pistritto & Gibilisco Families & Lucia
Pistritto

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the
Campittello & Harrington Families

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

9:00am— Robert D. MacLean

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

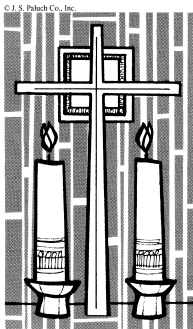
5:00pm— Anna Maria Pedemonti & Christine
Munoz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:30am— Helen, Anna & Jacob Kutyla
10:30am— Susie & Manuel Santos

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 8/25/2014—
8/31/2014 in memory of .Burt
Vaughn.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
8/25/2014-8/31/2014 in memory of Donna
Saharek & Jack Saharek.



**PLEASE COME JOIN US AT THE
CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION**

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

ON SUNDAY,

AUGUST 24TH 1:00 – 4:00 PM

The Men's Association will again be hosting the Parish Picnic. Food will include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, desserts, soda & water. Salads will be provided by the women of the parish. Activities for children will include a visit from Rocky of the Rock Cats, and Moon-bounce. Connor Wallowitz will provide musical entertainment. Tickets are \$10 per adult or \$25 per family. Tickets will be available the day of the event. Call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887 if you have questions.

House of Bread collection this weekend,
coffee & sugar requested. Thank you.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE to be held
at The Church of the Incarnation:**

Please donate blood on Friday, September 19th from 1:15pm-6:15pm. Food will be provided by the women of the parish. The need for blood is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply, and you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or log on to www.redcrossblood.org. Thank you!

SACRED VESTMENTS CONT...

The Chasuble - is the large outer vestment worn by the priest celebrant at mass. It's colors are determined by the liturgical season (Green during Ordinary Time) or the feast that is being celebrated. Historically, the Chasuble is descended from the great cloak, the large outer garment worn in daily life by the Romans during the early centuries of Christianity. As mentioned earlier in this series all of the vestments worn at Mass have their own origin in the ordinary "street clothes" of ancient Rome. Over the centuries, the chasuble evolved from a plain cloak to its present form. At present it is a large circle of cloth with a hole in the center. As befits a Sacred vestment, it is often cut from rich cloth and may be adorned with Liturgical symbols, especially the cross.

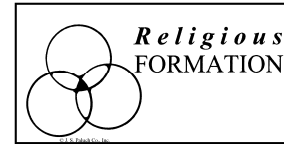
The Dalmatic—is the distinctive garb of the Deacon. Its origin is the tunic worn by peasants in ancient Dalmatia. As a liturgical vestment it was at first peculiar to the church of Rome. It was not until the eighth or ninth Century that it became the common outer vestment for Deacons throughout the church. The color of the dalmatic follows that of the Liturgical Seasons. The Deacons stole, worn across the shoulder remains the symbol of his office and is worn under the dalmatic when this vestment is used.

The House of Bread, one of the regions largest urban ministries, will kick off it's 35th Anniversary year with "Toast of the Town" a cocktail reception fundraiser on Thursday, September 4th from 6-9pm at The Historic Hartford Club, 46 Prospect Street, Htfd. Tix \$125.00 each, Call Terry (860) 667-0238.

Corpus Christi Church Women's Club in Wethersfield is sponsoring a couple of bus trips and would like to once again invite area parishes to join them. These are not fundraisers but a way to build community amongst parishes. See the bulletin board.

A summer reflection to pray on:

Consider being a mentor for our Middle School youth and our high school youth Confirmation community for 2014-2015. Our program is gender based and we are in need of faithful men and women to be a part of our team. All members of our team need to undergo a background check and attend a Protecting of God's Workshop so that we can be in compliance with the Archdiocese of Hartford. Let us take a stand and bring the Good News to our young people who indeed need models of faith. Our program is amazing and innovative and our youth need your faith to encourage them to live the Catholic Christian life.



Registration for Faith Formation in Grades 1-6 is officially closed. Only new students will be accepted. Visit our website at: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com & go to registrations and contacts. Scroll to forms & download Religious Education Forms. One form per child needed.

Faith Formation for Pre-K and Kindergarten are optional and do not begin until the end of October. **Grade Nine** will receive a special invitation to begin their Confirmation journey, if they so choose, in October.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are significant markers in a child's life. These special moments are also times of family renewal as to the meaning of each sacrament. It takes time and effort on a collaborative basis to develop a clear understanding of the meaning and lifelong impact of each sacrament. This collaborative effort includes parents who are the primary educators in the Faith, the Pastor, the Director of Faith Formation and the Catechist Team. Therefore, there has been a change in the Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion beginning this year. Reconciliation will be received in Gr. 2 in 2015 during the Holy Season of Lent. First Communion will be received in Grade 3 in the Spring of 2016. The national theme for our catechetical year is "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness". This is an appropriate time to begin this new approach to a child's sacramental life and a wonderful opportunity to re-catechize parents as to the beauty and value of the Sacramental life of our Catholic Church.

One Parish Family Home Catechist is needed for Grade Two. We also need one second and one third Catechist at Emerson-Williams on Saturday mornings at 9am.

The Town of Wethersfield Social & Youth Services will collect & distribute school supplies for qualified Weth. Families for the coming school year. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

The following Faith Formation Families are tending to the Butterfly Garden during the weeks of August 16th—August 30th. Thank you to Andrey Patinha & Kathleen Kerekes.

Anniversary Sunday Celebration—October 19th, 2pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, CT. All Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th and any other special wedding anniversaries this year are invited. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members & friends are encouraged to attend. Call Audrey at the rectory by Sept. 12th (860) 529-2533.

A Weekly Bible Study



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 66:18-21 and Luke 13:22-30

Can narrow-mindedness be a good thing after all?

In today's first reading Third Isaiah paints a colorful picture of God's people journeying to their homeland. Nations of every language stream toward Jerusalem. Distant coastlands proclaim God's glory. New followers come in many and diverse ways. It is a glorious image of a temple reborn as well as of a future "church" where all are welcome.

The returning exiles for whom this author writes are likely to have been rather *narrow-minded* about the kingdom of God. Their belief that they alone were chosen by God for God's kingdom might have given them a sense of entitlement, placing them first in line to reap God's benefits. And the first shall be first?

But this is not the author of Isaiah's vision. How might his message resonate for them? They might pose the same question posed to Jesus in today's gospel: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

How did Jesus respond to such questions? He described a "narrow gate" that many will attempt but few will enter.

Now, as we stand at the door and knock at the gate no one wants to be the one Jesus does not recognize even though we eat and drink with him in the Eucharistic banquet.

The gate is narrow and the few will enter: those whose faith is rooted in God; those unshaken in the face of adversity; those who carry on their capable shoulders the burdens of others; those who place their trust in God. Our salvation is not guaranteed and its work must continue, each day through our prayers and good works, through our sacramental life we are strengthened. And each day we fit ourselves to enter more gracefully through the narrow gate that leads to eternal life.

Our Liturgy Ministers

We are blessed to have many individuals who participate in the celebration of the Eucharist: Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Flower Ministers, Ushers & Greeters. Each brings their special gift to our liturgies as they offer their work as a prayer to our Living God. In their respective ministry, they reflect on a Mass well served, on the Word eloquently proclaimed, on the Holy Eucharist distributed with care & devotion, on song delivered as praying twice, on floral environment designed to enhance the Eucharistic Celebration, on serving the congregation by collecting our offerings, on providing a welcoming presence to all. The actions of all of our ministers together with the celebrant, raise our hearts & mind to God. **It is within this spiritual framework that we respectfully ask you to refrain from applause after Communion** *for those who are engaged in ministry so that their prayerful reflection and yours may be directed without interruption to our Loving God.

*Ref. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, section 43: one "may sit or kneel while the period of sacred silence after Communion is observed."

Thank you. The Liturgy Committee.

THE ROCK

Peter was Jesus' choice to lead the fragile band of apostles. In today's Gospel, Simon is given a new name—Peter, the "rock." In John's Gospel, Peter is called to be a shepherd. He is expected to lay down his life for his sheep. And tradition tells us that he did just that. But today we think about the durable rocklike quality that Jesus needed in a leader. Peter was appointed to his leadership position for reasons we are not able to fathom. God knows, and Jesus knew well, that Peter was flawed. We cannot mistake his enthusiasms, though, his manifest love, and his great, exuberant faith. Those virtues saw him through. They are durable, tough, beautiful virtues. They make Peter a sympathetic and lovable person. They provide us with the balance and humor that we need as we consider our own roles in the universal church.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalms — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 124:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday: St. Monica

Thursday: St. Augustine

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this. In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, reenacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

PATIENCE

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

—St. Augustine

THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was. —Anonymous

Proper Attire

The Liturgy Committee has been receiving requests for guidelines on the proper attire in church. The following is an excerpt from an article entitled: Celebration of Mass - Proper Church Attire. We offer this to you for serious consideration. The summer season usually sees an increasing number of people who come to church to attend Mass or other liturgical functions dressed in a way that disrespects the sanctity of the House of God and the sacredness of the Liturgical Celebration.

This is a difficult topic. We do not want to suggest that one is not welcome at a Sunday liturgy without expensive clothing—and yet, out of respect for what we are doing at Mass and as an example for young children, a modicum of propriety is expected.

The goal in dressing for Mass should be not to attract undue attention to oneself. It must be considered that some people, out of necessity, come to Mass wearing the clothes required by their profession, however, under normal circumstances attire should reflect the solemnity of the Mass. One should aim for, “you look nice today,” as opposed to, “my gosh! Did you see what she or he was wearing today?”

Men are advised not to wear hats, tank tops or jersey shorts during Mass. Women are also asked not to wear spaghetti-strap tops, short skirts or skimpy shorts. Simply put—beach wear, lounge wear, exercise wear, etc. are not appropriate attire.

Please see next column...

Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior also receive a special call. Ask the Lord to direct your heart. If the Lord is directing your heart to a vocation

call Fr. Anthony Smith, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail him at: vocations@stseminary.org or visit the web at ww.vocationshartford.org.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Incarnation on Sunday, November 23rd at 2pm with a Mass. The Most Reverend Christie A. Macaluso, Auxiliary Bishop will be the celebrant.

What we wear says a great deal about what we value. If you are a public minister in the liturgy, a lector, a Eucharistic minister, or a cantor, for example, you should dress with extra care, so that your appearance does not pose a distraction to the worshippers. We usually dress well when we go to things that are important to us, and as Catholics, this is the most important thing that we will do each week. The manner in which the minister dresses is part of the reverence that is shown to the Lord present in the Eucharist, as well as respect shown for God’s holy people.

Thank you. The Liturgy Committee.

Reflections From our Teens: May the gift of faith and works of mercy be forever a part of our young people's lives. May we adult parishioners feel blessed to realize that our faith is alive in our youth and that it is growing. This good news does not appear on the front page of any newspaper or is not a headline on a newscast, yet, it is the Good News that Jesus lives in the hearts of our youth, one another and those whom we humbly serve in His name.

Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate

Altar Serving

I have been altar serving for our church for the past five years. Every time I alter serve it brings me joy that I am helping out Father Moran and the church. After Mass is over, I feel closer to God knowing that I served him directly and feel like I'm right beside Him on the altar. Also, I think that by altar serving it allows my fellow altar servers and I to bring God closer to others since we are assisting in His sacred home. The lesson that can be learned from altar serving is anything you do for God and your church is very important and should be something you do for the rest of your life. I would tell another candidate to get involved with altar serving because it doesn't take a lot to do but then it'll make you feel good knowing you're helping out the church in a special way. God, please watch over the members of Incarnation Church as we gather together to hear your words and come together to express our love for you and for our faith.

10th Grade

Altar Serving Reflection

Altar serving has proven to be a big part of my life as a Catholic. Ever since I began serving in 4th grade, I felt compelled to keep serving at not only my church, but also my school, Northwest Catholic High School. I truly enjoy altar serving, and although I will feel sad when I graduate high school and won't be able to serve at Incarnation anymore, I will look forward to altar serving opportunities presented to me at various colleges I look at.

Altar serving helps me serve both God and the priest I'm helping, and it strengthens my relationship with my religion. I look forward to serving more in the future, and pleasing God further.

I altar served at my uncle's wedding 2 Octobers ago, multiple masses carried out by Archbishop Mansell, Incarnation Parish, and Northwest Catholic High School. All of these altar serving experience truly changed my life as a practicing Catholic.